

# CELEBRATION *Home Going*

*Mother Ardella Ennis*



Entered This Life  
May 22, 1918

Departed This Life  
November 1, 2011

## *Service*

Saturday, November 12, 2011 - 11:00 A.M.

*McGlothen Temple Church Of God In Christ*

1443 Fred Jackson Way  
Richmond, California 94801

Pastor Keith J. Williams / Eulogist  
Supt. John A. Jennings, Host Pastor

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## *His Blessing*

Jesus sends his blessing from above  
It flows all around us in tender love  
Into our hearts it finds its way  
And we begin to fast and pray.

As we pray from day to day  
Jesus always makes a way  
He strengthens the body and the soul  
He washes, cleanses and makes us whole  
He moves our hand and our feet  
He lifts us up and makes us sweet.

He richly feeds us with his love  
As we set our affections on things above  
His word will keep us and cause us to grow  
It teaches us the things we do not know.

As we let him have his way  
He keeps us saved from day to day  
We must let our light so shine  
It helps those who follow behind.

He gives us a new song to sing  
And joy that none other could bring  
His glory and praises fill our souls  
It reaches out and make connections  
And gives us his protection  
And leads us to perfection.

By

Ardella Ennis



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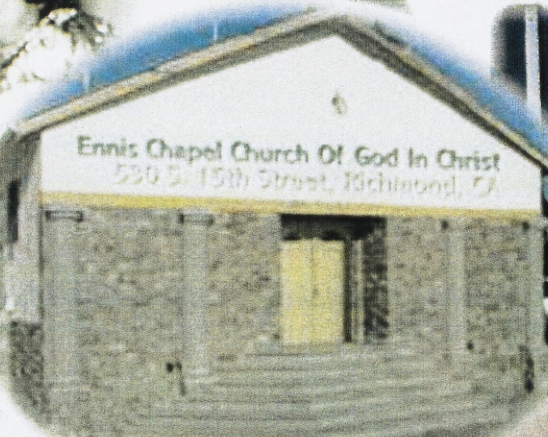
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Men's Dept.



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Ennis Chapel C.O.G.I.C. Presents...

# R.O.O.T.S.

Remembering Outstanding Old Time Saints  
2005 Reunion Celebration Services  
Friday, July 29th & Sunday, July 31st  
530 So. 15th St. • Richmond, CA

Bishop  
Sidney L. Ennis  
Founder

Elder  
W.D. Anderson

Elder  
Clayton  
Myers, Jr.

Elder  
E.D. Holland

Pastor  
Keith J. Williams  
Present Pastor



Pastor & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady



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# Obituary

A giant has been called home. We are privileged in our lifetime to be exposed to the wisdom and spiritual vitality of a chosen few, who are especially selected by God for the building of his kingdom. Mother Ardella Ennis was one of the chosen few.

One sunny day in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on May 22, 1918, Ardella Lilly Thompson was born. She was the third of eleven children to her parents Joseph J. and Ruth L. Thompson. Six of her brothers and sisters preceded her in death, Rosa Lee Thompson, Estella Jones, Ollie Thompson, Willie Thompson, Ruby McGriff and Frank Thompson.

Ardella at a very young age learned the value of hard work and honesty. These values would benefit her for her entire life. Never afraid to give an honest effort and work hard, Ardella was a major asset to her parents. Her diligence around the house eased the burden on her mother in particular with so many siblings and work to be done.

At the early age of eleven, Ardella accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. It was the beginning of a relationship she would nurture and cherish her entire life. She received the Holy Ghost and was baptized shortly thereafter. Even as a child she had a huge desire to grow in the word and closer to Jesus. She subscribed to Matthew 5:6 – Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. That scripture and thought process became a part of her daily life as she would often be heard to say, "Thank God for the Holy Ghost." Her relationship with Jesus started early and lasted a lifetime.

In 1936, Ardella along with her parents, brothers and sisters moved from Oklahoma to Phoenix, Arizona. Having completed her high school education in Oklahoma, she immediately joined the work force. She worked and continued to contribute to the household and it's upkeep.

In 1944, Ardella with her parents and younger brothers and sisters, left Phoenix and moved to Richmond, California. She and the Thompson Family united with McGlothen Temple Church Of God In Christ.

Ardella worked in a number of auxiliaries at the church. She was always active and looking to do good and work wherever needed.

After serving as Assistant Pastor at McGlothen Temple, Elder J. J. Thompson was called to start his own ministry with Ardella, her brothers, sisters, and his wife along with a few members. They went to work building the church, both physically and spiritually. As a member of the first family, Ardella did whatever her hands found to do. Hard work and long hours were no stranger to her as she sought to serve God in whatever capacity she could.

In 1952, she married the love of her life, Elder S. L. Ennis. The two were wed on July 7, 1952 and remained married until God called Elder Ennis home in 1974. After marrying Elder Ennis,







Ardella moved her membership from her father's church to Ennis Chapel Church Of God In Christ where she remained a member until her passing. As a member of Ennis Chapel and the founder's wife, Ardella served faithfully. No task was too great or too small. With faith and prayer, she worked by her husband's side to further the kingdom of God. She was humble in spirit and strong in the word. Ardella was the perfect helpmate for Elder Ennis. She worked by her husband's side growing and helping to build his ministries. She was dedicated, faithful and a true prayer warrior.

Mother Ennis watched and worked as the Lord continued to bless their ministry. Elder Ennis became Supt. Ennis and ultimately Bishop Ennis. After the Lord called Bishop Ennis home, she continued to remain faithful as the church changed Pastors.

Among her many contributions to the church, was her faithfulness to the Tuesday Morning Prayer at Ennis Chapel. She is perhaps best known for her knowledge of the word: book, chapter and verse. The prayer meetings will be part of her many legacies.

Mother Ennis was faithful throughout her lifetime and continued to serve under her current pastor, Elder Keith Williams. Her knowledge of old time spiritual songs will remain legendary. She enjoyed singing those old time religious songs. They really took her back to the early years of her Christian journey.

Mother Ennis use to often say, "the church is more than just the four walls" and as a result she was very active in the community. She was active with the Bay Area Rescue Mission, the American Red Cross, the Paralyzed & Disabled Veterans, just to name a few. Sharing and giving were part of her nature and she remained true to that until the very end.

Acts 20:35 says "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." That is how Mother Ardella Ennis lived her life.

In her passing she leaves to mourn and celebrate her life, two sons, Sidney Lawrence Ennis of Las Vegas, NV; Dale Leonard Ennis of Richmond, CA; three brothers, George Thompson of Richmond, CA, Vanderbilt Thompson of Grants Pass, Oregon, John Thompson of Vallejo, CA; one sister, Ruth Mary Hayes of Richmond, CA; three grandchildren, Aaron, Alexander and Jazmyn Ennis; one great grandson, Nicolas Ennis; one Goddaughter, Chrishenda Cooper; her daughters in love, Gloria Corpus, Cassandra Brocks, and Celothia Collins; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and a host of dear friends and her church family.

\*\*\* Family Footnote: Often, at times like these, people say they have lost a loved one. We did not lose our mother, for we know exactly where she is. We will see her again!  
Sidney & Dale Ennis

Lovingly Submitted

*Sidney Lawrence Ennis Jr.*



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# Memorial Service

Saturday, November 12, 2011 - 11:00 A.M.

*Supt. John Jennings, Administrative Assistant*  
*California North West Jurisdiction*

Organ Prelude

Processional

Prayer..... Elder Damon Whitaker

Scripture Reading—Old Testament.....Elder James Pace

Scripture Reading—New Testament ..... Pastor Bruce Darden

Selection.....Ennis Chapel Voices of Praise

Poem Reading.....Jenafer Thompson, Niece

Clergy Representation

Local Churches

Supt. Frank Dayce

District

Supt. P. Daniels Jefferson  
Holy Ghost District

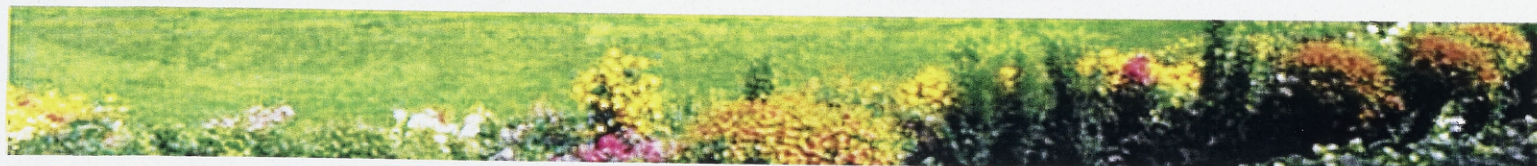
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Supt. Jeremiah Richardson  
3rd Administrative Assistant

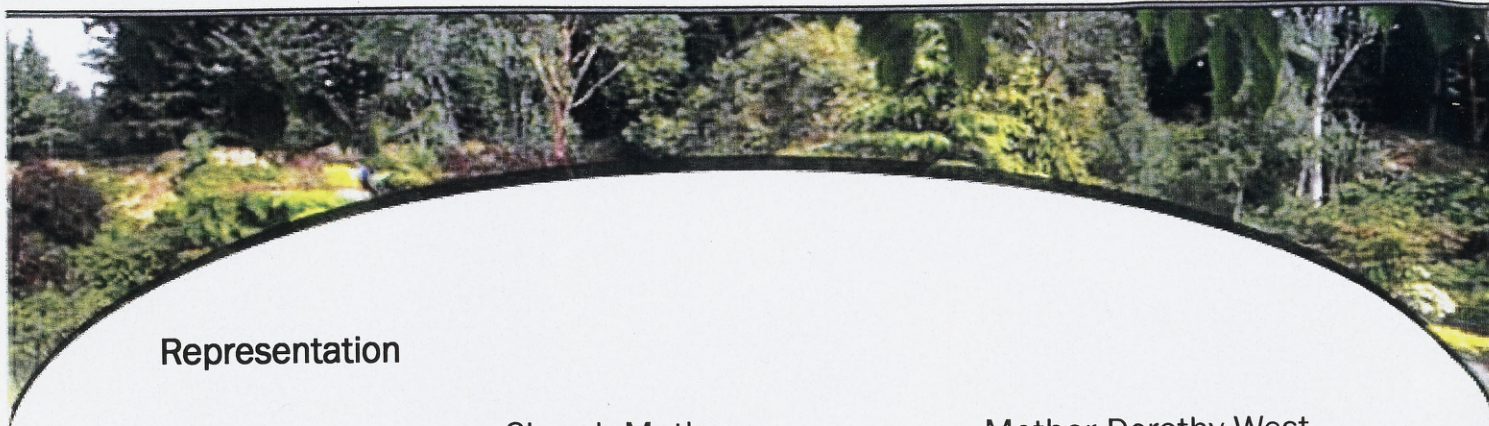
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Bishop Albert Galbraith, Jr.  
Northern California 1st Jurisdiction

Solo ..... Missionary Zettie Gooden







## Representation

Church Mother

Mother Dorothy West

Women's Department

1st Lady Vannette Williams  
Ennis Chapel COGIC

District Women's Department

Mother Junelda Jefferson  
Holy Ghost District

State Women's Department

Mother Geraldine Campbell  
1st Assistant Supervisor of Women  
Northern California 1st Jurisdiction

Resolution ..... Sister Lorraine Davis

Acknowledgements / Cards ..... Missionary Nancy Brown

Obituary Reading ..... District Missionary Carolyn Radford  
Bountiful Harvest District

Remarks From Nephews ..... Elder Keith Jones  
Elder Johnathon McGriff

Tribute To "Mama" ..... Sidney Lawrence Ennis, Beloved Son

Sermonic Solo ..... Missionary Chrishenda Cooper  
When You Hear Of My Homegoing

Eulogy ..... Pastor Keith J. Williams Sr., Pastor  
Ennis Chapel Church Of God In Christ

Benediction

Recessional



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### *Honorary Pall Bearers*

Mrs. Cubie (Cookie) Thompson

Mother Juanita Maldon

John McKinney

Mother Dorothy West

Mrs. Barbara Hall

Ms. Jacqueline Jackson

Mother Rosie Henderson

Mother Rose Cross

Pastor & Sister Annie Peoples

### *Pall Bearers*

Mr. George Thompson, Jr.

Mr. Wayne Thompson

Mr. Michael Thompson

Mr. James Thompson

Mr. Derick Thompson

Mr. Willie Thompson, Jr.

### *A Thought Of Love*

Thinking and praying for you today.

The only way for you to know,  
Is for me to tell you so.

Keep the faith and hold on.  
This is the way to be strong.

Jesus is our strength today.  
He always leads us the right way.

*Lovingly Submitted*

*Ardella Ennis*

### *Acknowledgements*

OUR FAMILY WISHES TO EXTEND THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO EACH AND EVERYONE FOR THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS EXPRESSED IN THOUGHTS AND DEEDS. YOUR CARDS OF SYMPATHY, TELEGRAMS, WORDS OF CONSOLATION, PRAYERS, FOOD AND DRINKS, FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AND SERVICES RENDERED WERE ALL RECEIVED AND WARMLY APPRECIATED. FOR ALL THESE THINGS WE SAY "THANKS" AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR BEING SUCH WONDERFUL FRIENDS.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

THE ENNIS / THOMPSON FAMILY

### INTERMENT

*Rolling Hills Memorial Park*

4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, CA 94803